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SUBJ: THIRD COMMITTEE--ITEM 12, DRAFT RESOLUTION ON CHILE

- 1. BRITISH DEL HAS PASSED USUN TEXT OF DRAFT RES CONCERNING HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE. AT PRESENT BELGIUM, FRG AND UK SIGNED ON AS COSPONSORS AND OTHER EC9 DELS HAVE REFERRED TEXT TO CAPITALS FOR POSSIBLE COSPONSORSHIP.
- 2. DELS SUBMITTING THIS DRAFT PLAN TO DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER THAT IT BE GRANTED PRIORITY. IT WILL NOT, HOWEVER, BE ISSUED AS A DOCUMENT IMMEDIATELY, UNLESS A COMPETING RES IS HANDED IN. THE HOPE OF THE COSPONSORS IS TO AVOID WORSENING THE STATE OF SEIGE MENTALITY IN CHILE BY STEALING A MARCH ON A POSSIBLE EASTERN BLOC TEXT CONTAINING MUCH MORE HOSTILE LANGUAGE.
- 3. DEPT REQUESTED TO CONSIDER GRANTING AUTHORITY TO USUN FOR POSSIBLE COSPONSORSHIP. AT PRESENT USUN SEES NO BENEFITS TO BE GAINED FROM IMMEDIATELY JOINING LIST OF COSPONSORS BUT POSSIBILITY TO JOIN COSPONSORS AT LATER DATE MAY PROVIDE NEEDED LEVERAGE IN STIFFENING RESISTANCE OF WEO DELS TO OBJECTIONABLE ATTEMPTS AT AMENDMENTS BY THE BLOC COUNTRIES OR OTHERS SEEKING OUTRIGHT ATTACK ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CHILEAN GOVERNMENT.

4. TEXT FOLLOWS.

QUOTE: 30TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

THIRD COMMITTEE: ITEM 12: CHILE

SPONSORS:

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INSISTING ON ITS RESPONSIBILITY UNDER THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO PROMOTE AND ENCOURAGE RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS FOR ALL;

RECALLING THAT IN RESOLUTION 3219 (XXIX) OF 6 NOVEMBER 1974 IT EXPRESSED ITS DEEPEST CONCERN THAT CONSTANT FLAGRANT VIOLATIONS OF BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS IN CHILE CONTINUED TO BE REPORTED;

RECALLING ALSO THAT IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED RESOLUTIONS IT REQUESTED THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO SUBMIT TO THE 30TH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY A REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN AND PROGRESS ACHIEVED IN RELATION TO THAT RESOLUTION;

NOTING THAT IN RESOLUTION 8 (XXXI) THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS DECIDED TO APPOINT AN AD HOC WORKING GROUP TO INQUIRE INTO THE PRESENT SITUATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE ON THE BASIS OF A VISIT TO CHILE AND OF ORAL AND WRITTEN EVIDENCE TO BE GATHERED FROM ALL RELEVANT SOURCES AND TO SUBMIT A PROGRESS REPORT ON ITS FINDINGS TO THE 30TH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY;

NOTING FURTHER THAT AT THE 31ST SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHST THE CHILEAN REPRESENTATIVE ASSURED THE COMMISSION THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD EXTEND ITS FULL CO-OPERATION TO THE WORKING GROUP IN FULFILLING ITS TASK, INCLUDING THE GRANTING OF ALL NECESSARY FACILITIES AND COMPLETE FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT IN THE COUNTRY FOR THAT PURPOSE;

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CONSIDERING THAT IN ITS PROGRESS REPORT SUBMITTED TO THIS ESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS CITES INSTANCES OF CONTINUING VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS, SUCH AS ... TORTURE AND OTHER CRUEL, INHUMAN AND DEGRADING TREATMENT INFLICTED ON MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN; ARBITRARY ARREST, DETENTION AND EXILE; THE SUSPENSION OF ELEMENTARY AND FUNDAMENTAL JUDICIAL PROTECTION ETC;

CONSIDERING ALSO THAT IN RESPONSE TO RELEVANT UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS THE CHILEAN AUTHORITIES HAVE TAKEN SOME POSITIVE STEPS TOWARDS IMPROVING THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION, SUCH AS THE RELEASE OF A CERTAIN NUMBER OF POLITICAL PRISONERS, THE EASING OF THE STATE OF SIEGE, THE SUBMISSION OF SENTENCES PASSED BY MILITARY COURTS TO REVIEW BY THE SUPREME COURT OF JUSTICE AND THE INTRODUCTION OF MEASURES DESIGNED TO PREVENT SECRET ARRESTS:

- 1) COMMENDS THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON ITS PROGRESS REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER RESOLUTION 8 (XXXI) OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS:
- 2) DEEPLY REGRETS THAT CONTRARY TO PREVIOUS OFFICIAL ASSURANCES THE CHILEAN AUTHORITIES HAVE TO DATE REFUSED PERMISSION FOR THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP TO GATHER EVIDENCE ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN CHILE ON THE BASIS OF A VISIT TO THE COUNTRY;
- 3) URGES THE CHILEAN AUTHORITIES TO PERMIT THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP TO VISIT CHILE AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT IN ORDER THAT IT MAY FULFIL ITS MANDATE AND THEREBY PRESENT A REPORT TO THE 32 ND SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS BASED ON THE WIDEST RANGE OF SOURCES AND IN PARTICULAR ON FIRST-HAND EVIDENCE GATHERED IN THE COUNTRY ITSELF;
- 4) REITERATES ITS CONCERN OVER THE VIOLATION OF BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS IN CHILE DESCRIBED IN THE REPORT OF THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP;
- 5) ONCE AGAIN URGES THE CHILEAN AUTHORITIES TO RESPECT FULLY THE PRINCIPLES OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RIGHTS AND TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO RESTORE AND SAFEGUARD BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS, PARTICULARLY THOSE INVOLVING A THREAT TO HUMAN LIFE AND LIBERTY, AND TO RELEASE ALL PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN DETAINED WITHOUT CHARGE OR IMPRISONED SOLELY FOR POLITICAL REASONS:

6) COMMENDS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON HIS REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER RESOLUTION 3219 (XXIX) AND REQUESTS HIM AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO CONTINUE TO ASSIST IN ANY WAY THEY MAY DEEM APPROPRIATE IN THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS IN CHILE. UNQUOTE. MOYNIHAN

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